

In The Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing (1 page) filed on April 19, 2002 with the Substitute Sequence Listing (1 page) filed herewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 1 is a representation of derived data which characterizes a disease specific marker having a particular sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) useful in evidencing and categorizing at least one particular disease state[;]. Five patients, each having a history of insulin resistance, show the presence of SEQ ID NO:1 in their serum.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 2 is the characteristic profile derived via SELDI/TOF MS of the disease specific marker [of] shown in the table of Figure 1. The arrow points to the peak indicating the disease specific marker (serum albumin weighing 2753 daltons; SEQ ID NO:1).

Please replace the paragraph (first amended in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on April 19, 2002) beginning at page 27, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As a result of these procedures, the disease specific marker having a sequence identified as amino acid residues 2-25 of SEQ ID NO:1 was found. This marker is characterized as a Serum Albumin having a molecular weight of about 2753 daltons. The characteristic profile of the marker is set forth in Figure 2. As easily deduced from the data set forth in Figure 1, this marker is indicative of insulin resistance.

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